

Production Costs

Table 17 - Milk Production Cost Index for California, by Month
January 2001 - December 2002

Month	Del Norte / Humboldt		North Bay		North Valley		South Valley		Southern California		Statewide Weighted Average	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>Dollars per Hundredweight</i>											
January	14.68	15.39	13.66	14.17	12.60	12.97	12.09	12.90	13.04	13.10	12.5165	13.0110
February	14.68	15.39	13.66	14.17	12.60	12.97	12.09	12.90	13.04	13.10	12.5165	13.0110
March	12.66	13.18	13.10	14.11	12.39	12.50	12.00	12.49	13.20	12.98	12.3930	12.6245
April	12.66	13.18	13.10	14.11	12.39	12.50	12.00	12.49	13.20	12.98	12.3930	12.6245
May	11.43	11.59	13.15	13.36	12.66	12.50	12.39	12.94	13.57	13.05	12.7255	12.8019
June	11.43	11.59	13.15	13.36	12.66	12.50	12.39	12.94	13.57	13.05	12.7255	12.8019
July	11.75	11.36	13.50	13.82	12.75	12.59	12.95	13.57	13.91	13.42	13.0678	13.1835
August	11.75	11.36	13.50	13.82	12.75	12.59	12.95	13.57	13.91	13.42	13.0678	13.1835
September	12.89	12.22	13.57	14.37	13.04	12.89	12.99	13.39	14.19	13.70	13.2516	13.2803
October	12.89	12.22	13.57	14.37	13.04	12.89	12.99	13.39	14.19	13.70	13.2516	13.2803
November	14.23		14.09		12.86		12.69		13.45		12.9463	
December	14.23		14.09		12.86		12.69		13.45		12.9463	

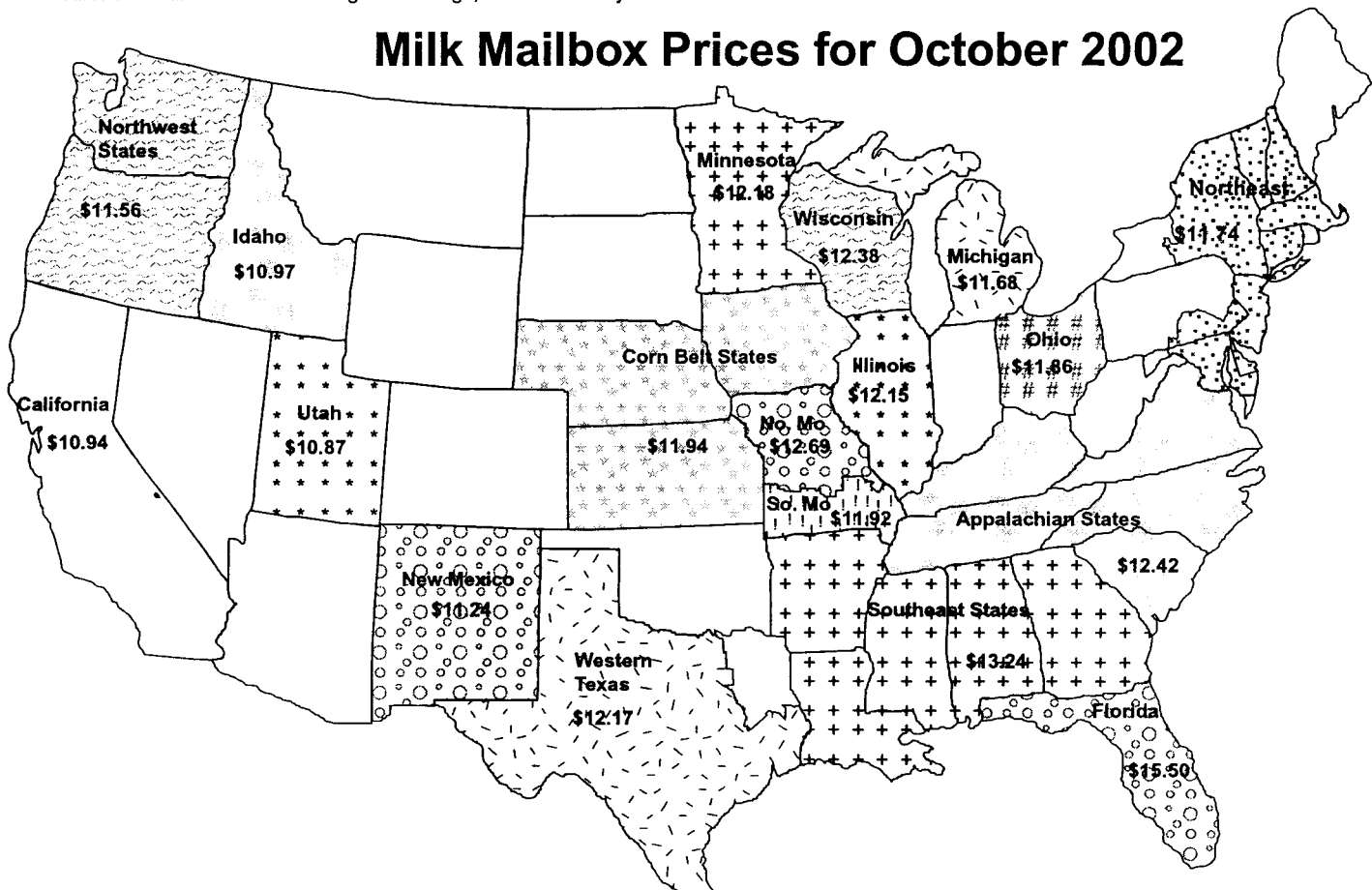
Milk Mailbox Prices in Dollars per Hundredweight

	April	May	June	July	August	September	October
California ¹	\$11.37	\$10.98	\$10.44	\$10.11	\$10.35	\$10.58	\$10.94
USDA ²	\$12.16	\$11.83	\$11.33	\$10.95	\$11.18	\$11.40	\$12.00

¹ California mailbox price calculated by CDFA.

² All federal milk market order weighted average, as calculated by USDA.

Milk Mailbox Prices for October 2002



In October 2002, mailbox milk prices for selected reporting areas in Federal milk orders averaged \$12.00 per cwt., \$0.60 more than the figure for the previous month. Most of this month-to-month increase results from generally higher Federal milk order minimum producer milk component prices and higher producer milk tests for butterfat and protein. On an individual reporting area basis, mailbox prices increased in all reporting areas, and ranged from \$15.50 in Florida to \$10.87 in Utah. In October 2001, the Federal milk order all-area average mailbox price was \$15.51, \$3.51 higher.